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FRIDAY, May 4, 1917 MR. BRYAN READY FOR WAR

Mr. Bryan was for peace. He did not want war with Germany. When war was declared he offered his services to President Wilson in any capacity the President might want to use him.

CONSCRIPTION

The conscription bill has become a law, and this country is to require of its citizenship an army sufficient for it to perform its duty. The judgment is that volunteering cannot be relied upon and that men must be called on to protect the country.

AMERICANS OF GERMAN BIRTH

In the last year or two there has been speculation in the United States as to how Americans of German birth would conduct themselves in the event of war with Germany.

FIVE POINTS

Pupils Entertain Parents and Friends With Good Program at School—Closing Friday

Miss Nettie Stephenson, teacher of Five Points school, just northwest of town, reports as follows on the closing day of her school:

The close of Five Points school last Friday was a gala day for the teacher and pupils, for at 1:30 the parents and neighbors gathered at the school and as the teacher knew nothing of their coming, she was greatly surprised when they all came in with well filled baskets.

At 3 p. m. the teacher and pupils entertained the visitors with a grand program of recitations and dialogues after which Charles Brown and Mr. Kirkpatrick spoke a few words in regard to the interest the teacher took in her pupils and of the kindness shown them by the teacher during the school year.

ILLICIT STILL DECREASE

Prohibition Reduces the Plants and Output of Moonshiners. Washington, D. C.—The claim of liquor men that moonshining is on the increase, particularly in Prohibition states, is not borne out by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The number of gallons of illicit liquor seized in 1915 was 34,381, and in 1916, 28,868, a reduction of 5,513. Of this reduction 4,738 gallons is to the credit of states that became dry January 1, 1916.

The Beginning of the End

"In view of the gigantic deeds of the entire people there is, in my opinion, no more room in Prussia for election by classes."

The above announcement from the Kaiser is the beginning of the end. When a monarch feels it necessary to promise reforms in the midst of a war it means that there is among the people a spirit of protest that can no longer be ignored.

The Battle Cry of Democracy

[By Edward S. Van Zile.]

Editor's Note.—This poem was called forth by the Russian revolution. Mr. Van Zile, one of the writers on the staff of the Wheeler Syndicate, was in the New York office when the dispatches were read telling of the fall of the Romanoffs.

What hear we in the world to-day? The thunder of the guns. Their rumbling and grumbling, and the pathway of the suns Is echoing with wailings as the women find their dead;

'Tis a Marseilles so wonderful That all the world's awake To the story of the glory That is won for Freedom's sake.

The earth is rent with anguish, But there was no other way! But, lo, the light is coming and a mighty chorus rings That stirs our souls to gladness, And to sadness those of kings.

Where the East and West have met, And the people cry for justice, And the monarchs pay their debt? Where ocean calls to ocean

'Tis a Marseilles so marvelous The Earth is singing now,— As the peoples find their power and fulfill a sacred vow,— That the stars that dance along the sky Its rhythm seems to feel

Your names shall never die; But kings shall be forgotten In the splendid by-and-by; And from a world's Democracy, That's born of blood and woe, A harvest shall be garnered

The People's song of victory; And where the nations meet Not king shall call to brother king, But race shall speak to race;

SINKING

Of Hospital Ships the Limit—Have the Junker Military Element of Germany Gone Crazy?

The action of the German submarines in deliberately sinking two hospital ships flying the Red Cross flag, is such a flagrant violation, not only of international law, but of humanity and decency, that it is difficult to explain it on any hypothesis other than insanity, or to discuss in temperate language.

Without sanctioning the German government's order to sink merchant vessels on sight, we could understand it. The vast superiority of the allied navies has made effective the blockade of the German ports and thus prevented food and ammunition, sadly needed, from reaching Germany.

The only weapon that Germany possesses with which to combat this situation is the submarine. We can understand how a desperate nation under such circumstances could bring itself to the belief that it could justify itself in sinking merchant vessels on sight, without warning, and in violation of international law.

But the sinking of hospital ships, flying the Red Cross flag, is nothing less than a reversion to barbarism. We have read during the last three years, and usually with impatience, the denunciation of the German army and navy as barbarians. No doubt there has been much exaggeration of the inhumanity of the Teutonic forces on land and water.

Can it be that the spectacle of the whole civilized world arrayed against them has converted the Junker element in control of the military pol-

icy of Germany into actual savages? It would seem so. The kindest thing that can be said about them is that they have manifestly lost their reason. One thing is certain—such an act as that just reported furnishes ample justification for America's participation in the war.

W. H. MANSS TO HEAD AGRICULTURE ARMY

Mr. W. H. Manss, Assistant to Vice president A. W. Thompson of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has been honored with the Chairmanship of the Maryland Farm Labor Committee whose purpose is to form a uniformed force to supply farm labor.

The idea that the increase in food production for this country is an essential for war purposes as the organization of fighting armies, forms the basis for an Agricultural army for which enlistments will be secured at once.

Mr. Manss is well qualified for leadership in this undertaking, having for a long time been in charge of Industrial, Development along the lines of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and in this work has assembled much information about farms which the owners are unable to work on account of lack of labor.

The idea of the Agricultural army is to supply labor to farmers in need of it and the plan is to assemble men in camps at central points from which they may be distributed to such farmers.

Men are to be uniformed and live under canvas and under military discipline and direct their labor at unproductive areas under systematic conditions.

Experience in farm work will not be a qualification for this work, although a certain amount of physical power will be necessary. Men who are anxious to enlist in the fighting branch and who for some reason or other are rejected, and still anxious to serve their country, will find no more effective work to do than to assist in greater food production.

The Agricultural army is not in any sense designed to be a place of refuge for shirkers or slackers and those who seek it in the hope of dodging military service will find no place open.

While this particular move of which Mr. Manss is the head applies to the state of Maryland only, it seems to meet with universal approval and there is prospect of legislation in various states providing similar organizations.

CLOVER AND MANURE BEST FOR POTATO CROP

Selection of good clover sod where potatoes have not grown for at least five years, and the use of barnyard manure with acid phosphate are given by the Ohio Experiment Station as ideal conditions for fer-

BOYS, SEE WASHINGTON DURING WAR TIME!



An opportunity to visit Washington during war time has not been afforded for years. It is the first time in history that members of the Boys' Corn Clubs conducted by the Ohio State University, or members of previous contests, have had such a chance.

The thrill of seeing the nation's capital, meeting the country's most prominent statesmen, including President Wilson, witnessing Congress in session and visiting historic Mt. Vernon and other points of interest may be yours if you will grow an acre of corn this summer.

Join the Boys' Corn Club. It will cost you nothing. The Ohio State University College of Agriculture will help you. It will send you monthly instructional matter prepared by corn specialists. Representatives of the college will visit your club meetings. Members of the Agricultural College faculty will answer any questions you may ask concerning your personal problems.

Hundreds of boys have won these trips before. Many were surprised to find it was easier than they thought. Many more boys could have won had they had confidence in themselves.

It is conceded that the "bread bullet" will be a big factor in winning the war. The decrease in Ohio's corn crop last year over the year previous was seventy million bushels. Unless we can help supply the allies and yet have enough for home consumption, we will have contributed to a failure of the war. For this reason alone we should make an earnest effort to help produce the food supply. Such service is scarcely less important than military duty.

Any Ohio boy who was under 20 years of age on January 1, 1917, may join the Boys' Corn Club and compete for a trip. It is not necessary that a local corn club be formed to carry on the educational side of the work, though it is considered desirable.

Don't forget that this year's Buckeye Corn Tour to Washington promises to be the biggest in history. If the national war situation becomes unusually grave, future tours may necessarily be abandoned.

Because of the age limit, it may be your last chance. Clip out the attached coupon now and mail it as directed to W. H. Palmer, State Leader Boys' and Girls' Clubs, College of Agriculture, Columbus. He will be glad to send you further information.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN BUCKEYE CORN CONTEST To the Agricultural College Extension Service, Columbus, Ohio: Gentlemen—I desire to apply for membership in the Boys' Corn Club Contest and should be pleased to receive an Entry Blank and Complete Rules.

Name Age on Jan. 1, 1917 County Postoffice R. D.

Meeting last Friday the Board confirmed the findings of the auditor in respect to land assessments in Marion township and Coldwater, and also in all other taxing districts, with the land valuations in Franklin, Center and Union townships be increased 5 per cent.

The Board approved the report and apportionment of the engineer, confirming the assessments as follows: Peter Heyne \$45, Zumbeke & Myers, \$27; Mercer County \$20. F. Raubdabaugh, counsel for Chas. Zumbeke thereupon filed a notice of appeal and bond was fixed at \$399.

The Board also ordered the Trissel and the Mendon south roads, recently advertised, but not sold because bids were not satisfactory, re-advertised for sale at 1 p. m., Friday, May 18.

The Commissioners of Mercer and Darke meeting in joint session last Friday on the Livingston joint ditch, on request of the contractor Perry Beckdolt, granted an extension from May 1 to July 15.

The Board met last Monday to view the route of the proposed Mott ditch improvement, but owing to heavy rains were unable to proceed and adjourned the view until next Monday, the 7th.

The Board ordered the Surveyor to advertise the Fisher Inter-State ditch for sale at public outcry, at the improvement, on Friday, May 11. The following bills were allowed last Friday and are now payable: Mendon Lumber Co., bridge material, \$ 2 46

Wm. Fisher, bridge repair, 5 00 H. L. Light, bridge repairs, 89 50 Board of Public Affairs, light and water, 73 10 P. A. Ellis, humane officer, 25 00 J. F. Steinbrunner, expense, 7 30 W. J. Beiersdorfer, meals for jurors, 4 55 G. Pulekamp, bar dockets and blanks for clerk, 85 80 H. M. Winkeljohn, bridge repair, 6 64 J. H. Severn, hauling stone for bridge, 10 00 Harvey Buck, hauling plank, 54 20 W. H. Stange & Co., blanks for Auditor, 6 50 Ben Evers ditch fees, 27 00 A. Brunswick, same, 27 00 Henry Behrens, same, 27 00 J. B. Haslinger, stamps, 5 00 Elmer Bryson, garbage can for jail, 3 50 Columbus Blank Cook Co., a book for Treasurer, 12 00

As Pike Directors Joseph Homan, asst. eng., \$1 00 W. A. Beougher, pike supt., 31 75 R. L. Larmore, same, 56 75 Wm. Weaver, same, 74 00 Luth. Joachim, same, 49 30 Blinfont. Stone Co., stone, 60 80

The next few weeks will offer the last opportunity this season for boys and girls to enter contests conducted by the Ohio State University to compete for trips to the national capital. Stimulated by a patriotic spirit to increase the food supply and to help solve the labor situation, public spirited persons of Ohio are offering several hundred prize trips to Washington to boys and girls who will grow an acre or more of corn or potatoes, raise one or more pigs or join one of the other productive contests. No cost is attached to membership.

Instruction will be offered regularly by the Ohio State University College of Agriculture. Information may be obtained from W. H. Palmer, State Leader Boys' and Girls' Clubs, Ohio State University. In order to take advantage of the first instruction, enrollment should be made at once.

Artistic Footwear for Spring. Illustration of a woman in a dress and shoes.

WHEN a Woman puts her foot into a pair of our handsome Spring Shoes a look of pleasure and satisfaction beams in her face at once. Our Women's Shoes are particularly well made, are particularly well shaped, and they are Particularly Well Liked Any Woman can please herself with Shoes at our store. All the new leathers—all the new styles—can always be found here.

ROEMER'S CELINA, OHIO

TWO CENTS FOR PATRIOTISM In an effort to help relieve the urgent farm labor shortage in Ohio at present, the Council of National Defense is appealing to every farmer in the state who receives a PINK SHEET asking for information to return it as soon as possible, as a patriotic duty, whether help is needed at once or not. With the statistics available the Council will then be in a better position to make more intelligent plans for attracting labor to the farms. The data contained in the sheet are intended purely for the purpose of offering assistance and of tabulating statistics. "Don't sleep tonight without returning the PINK SHEET properly filled out," is the plea of the Council.

MAKING THE BEST OF LATE SPRING PLOWING The disadvantage of late spring plowing can be overcome by disking before plowing. When the soil becomes dry and cracked before plowing it turns over lumpy. The clods which lie at the bottom cause air spaces and poor union of surface soil with the sub-surface. Rolling, disking and harrowing will produce some fine earth on top but will not eliminate entirely the poor condition lower down. With such a seedbed, especially if it does not rain frequently, there will be slow germination of seeds and excessive dryness, as the clods and air spaces will prevent ready movement of capillary moisture from the subsoil up into the zone of root growth. If disked before being plowed, the hard soil will become mellow. As the water moves upward from evaporation by the mulch on top, the moisture content of the soil to be plowed will thus be increased. When plowed, the loose disked soil forms a more compact union with the unplowed subsoil so that there are no large air spaces, and the soil moisture can move upward readily when needed. Such treatment is unnecessary on land which can be plowed early.

HARROW AFTER EACH HALF DAYS' PLOWING Each half day's plowing should be harrowed before leaving the field. When the soil is allowed to become dry after plowing clods are formed which are not easily broken up and which are a bar to a perfect seed bed. In their haste to get their plowing finished many farmers turn over a whole field before touching it with disk or harrow. Time is lost, however, by this practice. The clods which form make necessary one or two extra workings of the soil. By adopting the better plan of harrowing the soil the same half day on which it is plowed time is saved, moisture is retained and a better seed bed is secured. All of these factors are important this spring when labor is scarce and a serious food shortage confronts the world.

Farmer Joe Pax, southwest of town, has purchased one of the Siler Bros. fine and smooth direct Allen automobile. The Siler Bros. are putting into the automobile business with both feet.

Catarrah Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrh deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrh Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surface of the ear.

DR. J. J. McCLELLAN PILES FISTULA AND ALL DISEASES OF THE RECTUM. Illustration of a man's face.